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**Testimony Concerning SB 42 –AN ACT CONCERNING THE
SELECTION PROCESS FOR MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR
HIGHER EDUCATION**

Members of the Higher Ed & Employment Advancement
Committee:

My name is Steve Cohen, and I am President of the Congress of
Connecticut Community Colleges.

The Congress of Connecticut Community Colleges, the 4C's,
represents the faculty and professional staff at Connecticut's
twelve Community Colleges. Our bargaining unit includes 800
full-time and 2,000 part-time teaching faculty, as well as 800
full-time and 400 part-time professional administrators,
counselors, and librarians.

Our members are concerned about Senate Bill 42, An Act
Concerning the Selection Process for members of the Faculty
Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher
Education.

Section 1 (a) proposes to limit representation to *teaching*
faculty. The current and the previous faculty advisory
committees did not exclude any professional staff member
from being a representative or alternate. 4C's professional
staff members are involved on a daily basis with students and
faculty and have the expertise to offer creative ideas to the
Advisory Committee. They may offer a different perspective
than teaching faculty, but their input is no less valuable. I
urge you to allow them to serve on this important advisory
body.

I would be happy to answer any questions.